

Attorney Docket:

920597-905594

BARNES & THORNBURG

P.O. Box 2786
Chicago, IL 60690-2786
FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION
TO: (703) 872-9318

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

FEB 26 2004

OFFICIAL

DATE: February 26, 2004

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER PAGE: 3

TO: **HONORABLE DIRECTOR OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS**

EXAMINER: John D. Lee

GROUP ART UNIT: 2874

ATTN Examiner

MAIL STOP After Final: Responses No Fee

Attached: Response to final office action of January 26, 2004

If you do not receive all pages, please contact William M. Lee, Jr. at (312) 214-4800 or his assistant, Jennifer Ramirez at (312) 214-4829.

Certificate of Transmission

I hereby certify that this paper for Serial No. 09/560,628 facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office, Fax Number (703) 872-9319 on the date shown below.

Jennifer J. Ramirez

Name of Person Signing

Signature

February 26, 2004

920537-905594

MAIL STOP AF

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

Julian A. Fells & Alan Robinson

SERIAL NO.: 09/560,628

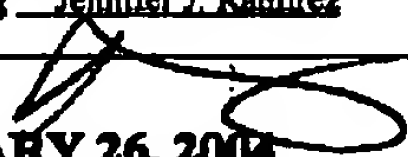
FILED: April 28, 2000

FOR: Chromatic Dispersion Compensation

)
)
) Examiner: John D. Lee
)
) Group Art Unit: 2874
)
) Customer number: 23644
)
)
)

FEB 26 2004

OFFICIAL

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to
the above - identified examiner at the United States Patent and
Trademark Office (703) 872-9319 on February 26, 2004
Name of person signing Jennifer J. Ramirez
Signature 

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 26, 2004

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

An Office Action of January 26, 2004 has been received regarding this application.

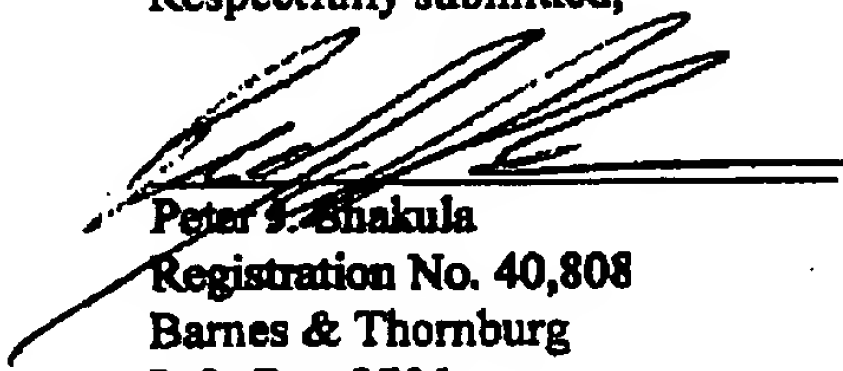
In the Office Action, the examiner allows claims 1 - 30, and that allowance is most gratefully acknowledged. The examiner has also indicated the allowability of claim 37, but rejects claim 36 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Asahi U.S. Patent No. 6,619,867 in view of De Montmorillon U.S. Patent No. 6,396,987. Reconsideration is requested.

Asahi was filed with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 30, 2000. However, the present application was filed prior thereto on April 28, 2000. Therefore, Asahi is not a proper reference, and the rejection, based upon Asahi is inappropriate.

Given the above, it is submitted that the entire application is in condition for allowance, and the examiner's further and favorable reconsideration in that regard is urged.

February 26, 2004

Respectfully submitted,



Peter S. Bhakula
Registration No. 40,808
Barnes & Thornburg
P.O. Box 2786
Chicago, Illinois 60690-2786
(312) 357-1313
(312) 759-5646 (fax)